

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. But this  
company is making  
stations air a  
one-sided political  
advertisement that  
helps Pres. Bush by  
criticizing Sen.  
Kerry. The stations  
should not be  
allowed to give free  
advertising to a  
candidate.  
Consider how you  
would view  
Sinclair's actions  
if Sinclair were  
airing a program in  
support of an  
extreme right-wing  
or left-wing  
candidate.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.